# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2882
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`CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN FOREST AREA FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC PURPOSE`
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether construction activities in the forest area have been permitted for socio- economic purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the nature of the activities likely to be carried out in the forest areas; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a),(b) & (c) The proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forestry uses including the construction activities for socio-economic purposes such as building of schools, hospitals/ dispensaries, community halls, co-operatives, panchayats, tiny rural industrial sheds of the Government are considered under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.